

Amendments to the Claims:

Re-write the claims as set forth below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A method of associating contextual information with discrete components of data, the method comprising:

accessing at least one discrete component of data from at least one data source;
associating said at least one discrete component of data with at least one domain; and
adding ~~domain-specific~~ contextual information to said at least one discrete component of data to provide enhanced data, the contextual information being associated with the at least one domain and comprising attributes of the at least one discrete component of data relating to an intended use of the at least one discrete component of data, and usage rules that specify how the enhanced data may be used or modified.

2. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further including:
assigning access rights to the enhanced data.

3. (canceled): ~~The method of claim 1, further including:
assigning usage rules to the enhanced data.~~

4. (canceled): ~~The method of claim 1, further including:
encoding the enhanced data with a markup language.~~

5. (canceled): ~~The method of claim 4, wherein the markup language comprises the Extensible Markup Language.~~

6. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further including:
associating said at least one discrete component of data with a second domain; and
adding domain specific contextual information to said at least one discrete component of data to provide second enhanced data.

7. (previously presented): The method of claim 1, further including:
receiving feedback data from a user of the enhanced data; and
modifying the enhanced data to include the feedback data.

8. (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the adding step is performed in real-time.

9. (currently amended) A method of delivering enhanced data through at least one digital identity comprising:

receiving a request through at least one digital identity for enhanced data corresponding to an entity from a requestor, the enhanced data including contextual information added to at least one discrete component of data;

using a digital identity acting as a proxy for the entity to compare an identification of the requestor to access rights;

transmitting from the digital identity to an enhanced content source an approval to release enhanced data; and

transmitting enhanced data from the enhanced content source to the requestor.

10. (previously presented): The method of claim 9, further including:

comparing at the digital identity an intended use of the enhanced data to usage rules.

11. (currently amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the digital identity is ~~associated with an entity and is~~ operated by a party other than the entity.

12. (currently amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the digital identity is ~~associated with an entity and is~~ operated by the entity.

13. (currently amended): The method of claim 9, wherein ~~the digital identity is associated with an entity and~~ the enhanced content source is operated by a party other than the entity.

14. (previously presented): The method of claim 9, further including:

transmitting feedback rules from the enhanced content source to the requestor.

15. (original): The method of claim 14, wherein the feedback rules comprise an incentive for the requestor to provide feedback to the enhanced content source.

16. (previously presented): A method of obtaining information about services that may be of interest to a user, the method comprising:

discovering at least one service offered by at least one entity connected to at least one computer network;

receiving content from said at least one entity that includes terms of said at least one service;

filtering the content to determine whether the content satisfies at least one predetermined rule;

generating at least one decision parameter based on profile and preference information;
and

determining whether the terms of said at least one service are acceptable based on at least one decision parameter.

17. (original): The method of claim 16, wherein the discovering step is performed dynamically.

18. (previously presented): The method of claim 16, further including:
negotiating with the at least one entity.

19. (previously presented): The method of claim 16, further including:
providing financial data to the at least one entity to complete a transaction.

20. (previously presented): The method of claim 16, further including:
monitoring a transaction involving the at least one service; and
modifying the profile and preference information as a result of the monitoring step.

21. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a data structure comprising:

at least one discrete component of data from at least one data source;

first contextual information comprising attributes of the at least one discrete component relating to an intended use of the at least one discrete component of data, wherein the first contextual information is associated with ~~that enhances said at least one discrete component of data for a first domain;~~

second contextual information comprising attributes of the at least one discrete component relating to another intended use of the at least one discrete component of data, wherein the second contextual information is associated with ~~that enhances said at least one discrete component of data for a second domain different from the first domain;~~ and

usage rules that specify how the at least one discrete component of data and first and second contextual information may be used or modified.

~~wherein the first domain is different from the second domain.~~

22. (canceled): ~~The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein the data structure is encoded with a markup language.~~

23. (canceled): ~~The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the markup language comprises the Extensible Markup Language.~~

24. (canceled): ~~The computer readable medium of claim 21, further including a data field defining usage rules.~~

25. (original): The computer readable medium of claim 21, further including a data field defining feedback rules.

26. (original): The computer readable medium of claim 21, further including a data field defining access rights.

27. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps comprising:

accessing at least one discrete component of data from at least one data source;

associating said at least one discrete component of data with at least one domain; and

adding ~~domain-specific~~ contextual information to said at least one discrete component of data to provide enhanced data, the contextual information being associated with the at least one domain and comprising attributes of the at least one discrete component of data relating to an intended use of the at least one discrete component of data, and usage rules that specify how the enhanced data may be used or modified.

28. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps comprising:

receiving a request through at least one digital identity for enhanced data corresponding to an entity from a requestor, the enhanced data including contextual information added to at least one discrete component of data;

using a digital identity acting as a proxy for the entity to compare an identification of the requestor to access rights;

transmitting from the digital identity to an enhanced content source an approval to release enhanced data; and

transmitting enhanced data from the enhanced content source to the requestor.

29. (original): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps comprising:

discovering at least one service offered by at least one entity connected to at least one computer network;

receiving content from said at least one entity that includes terms of said at least one service;

filtering the content to determine whether the content satisfies at least one predetermined rule

generating at least one decision parameter based on profile and preference information; and

determining whether the terms of said at least one service are acceptable based on at least one decision parameter.

30. (currently amended): A method of creating enhanced data comprising:

~~gathering, by a second entity, at least one discrete component of data from at least one data source associated with a first entity~~ ~~by a second entity;~~

~~associating, by the second entity, the at least one discrete component of data with at least one domain~~ ~~by the second entity; and~~

~~adding, by the second entity, domain-specific contextual information to said at least one discrete component of data~~ ~~by the second entity to create enhanced data, the contextual information being associated with the at least one domain and comprising attributes of the at least one discrete component of data relating to an intended use of the at least one discrete component of data, and usage rules that specify how the enhanced data may be used or modified.~~

31. (previously presented): The method of claim 30, further comprising:

providing the enhanced data to at least one third party entity by the second entity based on a digital identity of the third party.

32. (previously presented): The method of claim 30, wherein the contextual information includes at least one of access rights information and usage rules and the provision of enhanced data to the at least one third entity is based on at least one of the access rights information and usage rules.

33. (previously presented): A method of associating contextual information with discrete components of data, the method comprising:

accessing at least one discrete component of data from each of a plurality of different data sources and different domains;